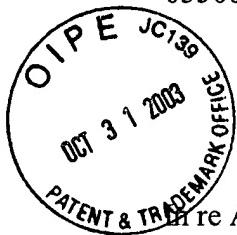


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SATOSHI SEKI et al.) : Examiner: N/Y/A
Application No.: 10/647,272) : Group Art Unit: N/Y/A
Filed: August 26, 2003) :
For: INK JET RECORDING)
APPARATUS FOR :
CONTROLLING RECOVERY)
OPERATION BY MANAGING :
CAP-OPEN STATE AND)
RECOVERY CONTROL :
METHOD) : October 30, 2003

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Application No. 09/956,790
U.S. Application No. 10/636,687

The above-identified applications have a common inventor with, and are commonly assigned with, the subject application.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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